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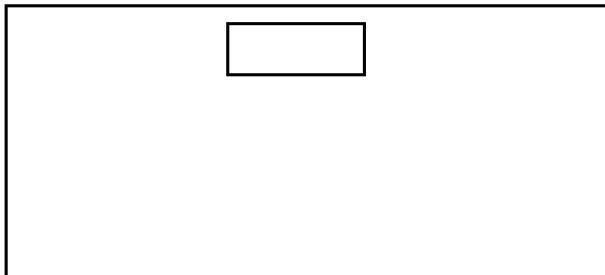
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : The Politics of Lying, a new book
 by David Wise

1. This memorandum is to invite your attention to a book, just being published, entitled The Politics of Lying: Government Deception, Secrecy, and Power by David Wise (New York: Random House, 1973.) Wise is a 42 year-old political reporter who joined the New York Herald Tribune in 1951, ultimately serving as chief of its Washington Bureau from 1963 to 1966. He is now a free-lance writer of books and articles.

2. Wise is best known to us as the co-author (with Thomas B. Ross of the Chicago Sun Times) of three previous books dealing with the subject of intelligence in general and CIA in particular. The first of these books was The U-2 Affair published in 1962. The U-2 Affair, while purporting to reveal the "inside story" of U-2 operations, generally intermingles fact and fiction without distinguishing between them - the usual characteristic of the Wise and Ross books. The U-2 Affair was severely criticized for its inaccuracies to this reviewer by the U-2 pilot, Francis Gary Powers. Wise himself characterizes The U-2 Affair as his first examination of "the problem of government deception and secrecy in a democracy."

3. The second book by Wise and Ross was their well-known "exposé" of CIA entitled The Invisible Government, published in 1964. Suffice it to recall about The Invisible Government that it went through several printings (including paperback), was on the best seller list for many weeks in this country, and has been published in translation in at least eight countries abroad including the Soviet Union and Cuba. The careful analysis which CIA made of The Invisible Government at the time of its publication revealed approximately three dozen breaches of security information made public for the first time, as well as approximately 250 significant inaccuracies in the text.



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